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43. The composition according to claim 35, wherein the vehicle is water.

44. The composition according to claim 35 having a viscosity less than  $200 \times 10^{-3}$  Pa.s at 35-37° C.

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REMARKS

Claims 32-44, submitted hereby in place of claims 20-28, 30 and 31, are pending.

By the instant amendment, claims 20 and 21 are revised as claims 32 and 35, respectively, by deleting "the prevention and" from claims 20 and 21 and by changing "treatment of radiomucositis and of chemomucositis" to "treatment of radiomucositis or of chemomucositis," i.e., to better define that either, or both, of radiomucositis and chemomucositis are treated in accordance with the presently claimed invention. Claims 33 and 34, dependent on claim 32, contain subject of claim 20, i.e., treatment in accordance with the claimed invention includes administering the therapeutic agent to the patient prior to submitting the patient to radiotherapy or combined radiochemotherapy. Claims 36-44 correspond to claims 22-28, 30, and 31, respectively, revised to be directly or indirectly dependent on present claim 35.

The Office Action contains only one issue to be resolved. Claims 20-28, 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 USC 112, ¶1, for alleged lack of enablement. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested in view of the instant amendment.

According to the statement of rejection, enablement is satisfied for the "treatment" of mucositis as recited in the rejected claims. However, the statement of rejection alleges that enablement under §112, ¶1, is not satisfied for the "prevention" of mucositis as recited in the rejected claims.

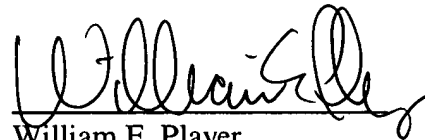
By the instant Amendment, "prevention" is deleted from each of claims 20 and 21, i.e., it is not recited in any of the present claims. In that the statement of rejection acknowledges that the requirements for enablement under §112, ¶1, are satisfied for "treatment" in accordance with the presently claimed invention, the rejection is overcome.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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